

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US03/36045

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : G06F 17/30

US CL : 707/3

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 707/3, 707/4, 707/5, 707/6

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
JAPIO, EUROPEAN patents, PCT Fulltext, Derwent WPIX

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	WO 01/61601 A1 (KNEPFLE et al.) 23 August 2001 (23.08.2001), Abstract, and pages 1-12	13-15, 24-26
Y	WO 01/41014 A1 (LITZINGER et al.) 7 June 2001 (07.06.2001), Abstract and pages 1-73	13-15, 24-26
Y	US 6,275,811 B1 (GINN) 14 August 2001 (14.08.2001), columns 1-11 lines 1-67	13-15, 24-26
Y	US 6,098,066 A (SNOW et al.) 1 August 2000 (01.08.2000), columns 1-9, lines 1-67	1-3, 6-8
Y	US 2001/0049677 A1 (TALIB et al.) 6 December 2001 (06.12.2001), pages 1-17	1-3, 6-8
Y	US 6,460,034 B1 (WICAL) 1 October 2002 (01.10.2002), columns 1-32, lines 1-67	1-3, 6-8
Y	US 6,356,899 B1 (CHAKRABARTI et al.) 12 March 2002 (12.03.2002), columns 1-34, lines 1-67	1-3, 6-8

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☐ See patent family annex.

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3. ☒ Claim Nos.: 4,5,9-12,16-23,27
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

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